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MARIN (EMBASSY THE HAGUE) TELECON 14 JAN

1. EMBASSY WAS DISTURBED TO LEARN THROUGH TELECON (REF H) THAT
ACTUAL PER DIEM BEING OFFERED TO PARTICIPANTS IN SUBJECT COURSE IS
\$30 FOR FIRST 15 DAYS AND \$15 THEREAFTER. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS
THAT NETHERLANDS PARTICIPANTS (TOORNENAAR AND VAN DORP), WHO LEFT
FOR US WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT ACCOMMODATIONS AND LIVING EXPENSES
WHILEIN ATTENDANCE WOULD BE ADEQUATELY COVERED, ARE NOW PLANNING
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RETURN TO NETHERLANDS IN VIEW OF REDUCED PER DIEM APPLICABLE AFTER

15 DAYS.

2. TOORENAAR AND VAN DORP ARE CORRECT IN CITING FIGURE OF \$35 AS BEING A FIGURE MENTIONED TO THEM BY EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR WHEN DISCUSSING PER DIEM WITH THEM. EMBOFF, HOWEVER, INDICATED THAT THAT FIGURE WAS APPROXIMATE MAXIMUM PER DIEM THAT, HE UNDERSTOOD, (PER DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR LOCAL DEA REPRESENTATIVE) THEY COULD EXPECT UNDER DEA REGULATIONS IN THE US (IN ABSENCE OF INDICATIONS TO THE CONTRARY IN REF (A), DEA RATES WERE THOSE WE EXPECTED WOULD APPLY. IN REF (H), EMBASSY WAS ADVISED THAT PRESENT PER DIEM RATES PAD BY DEA RANGE FROM \$25 TO \$40 PER DAY IN THE US). IN ANY CASE, EMBASSY ASSURED BOTH CANDIDATES THAT PER DIEM RATES ARE GENERALLY SET AT LEVELS THAT ARE ADEQUATE TO COVER MODERATE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS PLUS MEALS IN MOST US LOCATIONS. THIS ASSURANCE WAS BASED ON OUR UNDERSTANDING, PER REF (A) PARA 4, THAT FUNDING WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR "PAYMENT OF PER DIEM AND ALL PROGRAM-RELATED EXPENSES EXCEPT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL." HAD WE KNOWN OTHERWISE, WE CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE ADVISED THEM ACCORDINGLY. WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WOULD THEN HAVE FOUND PARTICIPATION POSSIBLE ON PRESENT TERMS BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS.

3. EMBASSY DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT PER DIEM ACTUALLY BEING OFFERED FOR LAST FIVE WEEKS OF STAY IN US CAN BE CONSTRUED AS BEING ADEQUATE TO COVER REASONABLE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS IN WASHINGTON AREA OR THAT PER DIEM CORRESPONDS TO INTENT OF REF (A) PARA 4.

4. WE ARE NOW FACED WITH SITUATION IN WHICH NETHERLANDS PARTICIPANTS, WILL RETURN HOME UNLESS ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE TO MAKE POSSIBLE THEIR CONTINUED ATTENDANCE WITHOUT SUFFERING PERSONAL FINANCIAL LOSS. WE DO NOT FEEL JUSTIFIED, AS SUGGESTED TO US IN REF (H), IN NOW APPROACHING THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENCIES WITH A REQUEST THAT THEY MAKE UP THE UNEXPECTED DIFFERENCE AND FRANKLY DOUBT THEY WOULD BE INCLINED TO DO SO, COMPOUNDING THE SITUATION. THERE IS NO QUESTION, HOWEVER, THAT SITUATION MUST BE FAVORABLY RESOLVED IMMEDIATELY. BOTH DUTCH PARTICIPANTS ARE IMPORTANT CONTACTS OF EMBASSY, AND EVEN MORE OF DEA SAIC BRUSSELS. WE WOULD NOT WANT TO JEOPARDIZE OUR PRESENT EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH THEM AND THEIR DEPARTMENTS, OR OUR PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A DEA OFFICE HERE (WHICH IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY GON OFFICIALS) BY HAVING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEM RETURN PREMATURELY FOR THE REASON CITED.

5. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE EMBASSY IS CONVINCED THAT THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR THE WASHINGTON SPONSORING AGENCIES TO GRANT BOTH TORRENAAR AND VAN DOPR, ON AN EXCEPTIONAL BASIS AND FOR THE DURATION OF THE COURSE, THE SAME RATE OF PER DIEM WHICH THEY NOW DRAWING, I.E. \$30 PER DAY. ALTERNATIVELY WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT SPONSORING WASHINGTON AGENCIES

AGREE TO DEFRAY FULL COST OF THIER ACTUAL LIVING EXPENSES WHILE
IN US (LODGING, MEALS, LAUNDRY AND TRAVEL EXPENSES IF ANY), IN
ACCOMMODATIONS ACCEPTABLE TO THEM. (E ALSO*HOPE THAT ASSISTANCE
IN LOCATING MODERATELY PRICED ACCOMMODATIONS HAS BEEN OR WILL BE
EXTENDED AS INDICATED PARA 2, REF (E), IN LIEU OF ACCOMMODATIONS
ARRANGED FOR THEM, AS WE UNDERSTAND, AT STATLER HILTON.)

?7. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN CLEARED INISUBSTANCE WITH BRUSSELS DEA
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